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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director  
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Rambabu Bavirisetty, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

**SUBJECT: SBCAG FY 2001/02 FSTIP Amendment No. 5**

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 5 to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2000/01-2002/03 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 25, 2002. This amendment modifies FTIP programming for the state highway element in Santa Barbara County to increase, by approximately \$900,000, the FHWA Bridge Program (HBRRP) funding provided through California's State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) for the Micheltorena Pedestrian Overcrossing. The SBCAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 01-31 on October 18, 2002, approving this program modification and reaffirming the conformity of the SBCAG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

We find that the change to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) proposed by SBCAG's 2000/01 FTIP Amendment No. 5 was developed through a process in accord with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and Chapter 53 of 49 U.S.C. This FSTIP modification pertains to the amount of FHWA program funding available through California's SHOPP program for the Micheltorena Pedestrian Overcrossing project. This project was previously included in the SBCAG FFY 2001 FTIP project listing and is consistent with the Region's long range transportation plan. We remind Caltrans and SBCAG that pursuant to the provisions of 23 CFR 450.216(a)(8) and 23 CFR 450.324(g)(3), the FTIP/FSTIP project listing should identify the Federal funds in the year they are proposed for obligation.

We are approving this amendment in accordance with the procedures outlined in the joint FHWA/FTA Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP amendments dated March 8, 1996. Our planning and conformity findings have been coordinated with the regional offices of the Environmental Protection Agency and Federal Transit Administration. This letter constitutes approval for the inclusion of the subject SBCAG transportation improvement program amendment into California's 2000/01 – 2002/03 FSTIP.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Wade Hobbs*  
For  
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Division Administrator

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